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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Judie, James A., House

and/or common Judie-Olmsted House

2. Location

street & number 1515 East Jefferson Boulevard N/A not for publication

city, town South Bend N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county St. Joseph code 141

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Olmsted

street & number 1515 East Jefferson Boulevard

city, town South Bend N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46617

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County/City Building, Recorder's Office

street & number 227 W. Jefferson Blvd.

city, town South Bend state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Indiana Historic Sites
title and Structures Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources

city, town Indianapolis state Indiana

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The superior rating given the Judie House by the local survey attests to its pivotal place in the potential historic district along East Jefferson Boulevard. The neighborhood is characterized by period revival houses from the 1910's and 1920's, designed by prominent local architects for important community leaders. Most are set back from the street quite a distance, with spacious, landscaped lawns.

The Judie House is a two-and-one-half story, Tudor Revival structure, constructed primarily of brick, with half-timber and limestone trim, and a hipped slate roof. It is situated in a landscaped garden setting of about two acres, with over 60 varieties of trees. The gardens and ponds have fallen into disrepair, but are gradually being restored by the current owner. A symmetry can be observed by following the direct line running from the front lawn reflecting pool to the front entrance, sun room, entrance foyer, rear entrance, circular drive, and back gardens, pools and walls (Photos 1-6).

The south facade faces onto Jefferson Boulevard, and is approached by a 200 foot drive (Photo 1), which then continues alongside the house to the back, culminating in a circular drive surrounding a garden (Photo 6). This facade (Photo 4) features a two-story projecting bay, with two bays on either side. To the right, two sets of round-arched windows are framed by half-timbering on the ground floor (Photo 12). The leaded, bottle-glass casement sash are surrounded by stone molding. Other windows on this facade are also casement surrounded by stone, with quoin-like stone "tabs" extending into the brick, multi-paned glass, and leaded decorative transoms on the ground floor. Most are in groups of two or four. The projecting bay extends above the roof-line and features a carved stone panel. The entrance is immediately to the left of the projecting bay, with paired doors flanked by sidelights of the same configuration as other windows on the facade. Entrance is gained by crossing a terrace porch, which is surrounded by brick parapet wall planters.

The most prominent features on the north facade (Photo 13), going from right to left, are a broad fireplace chimney, a slightly advanced gabled pavilion with a round-arched entrance, and even more advanced, an attached garage with a hipped roof. Again, multi-paned casements are surrounded by stone. Three pairs of windows are at the second level above the garage entrance, and a dormer piercing the roof has the unusual feature of having glass on the sides, as well as the front.

Entrance to the servants' quarters above the garage is gained through a round-arched entrance on the east side of the house (Photo 14). The doorway is trimmed by brick quoins, and the four-course header arch is trimmed with terra cotta. Above the entrance is a recessed balcony with a wrought iron railing. A second chimney is set back from this facade.

From the circular drive on the north side of the house, entrance into the house is through a large wrought-iron, glass-gated door (Photo 15), leading into a two-level, quadruple foyer, floored with imported Spanish tile and Italian marble. The foyer directly ahead leads into a solarium which serves as a winter greenroom (Photos 8, 16). The solarium, as well as the entire first floor, has coved ceilings with decorative moldings.

To the right, off the main foyer, is a living room approximately 40' x 18', richly paneled in oak, decorated with ornate brass wall lights and mirrors; a fireplace with an opening approximately 4' x 6', enriched by a hand carved mantel depicting Uncle Remus Fox & Grapes; and carved cabinetry on either side of the fireplace, accented by matched, bottle-glass, arched windows.

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To the left from the main foyer is a minor foyer, which gives way to a lower, fourth foyer, a recessed, arched alcove with guest closet and a guest bathroom. Extending upward from the minor foyer is a circular staircase leading to the second story, with stained leaded glass complimenting the second story landing (Photo 10).

Again continuing on the first floor, left of the minor foyer is the main dining room, with a Jacobethan decor, including an imported chandelier. Continuing on through the dining room are the butler's pantry, kitchen, and breakfast nook. Circling around, one comes to the servants' entrance, two garage entrances, stairs to the basement, a dumb waiter which serves as a lift from the root cellars, upstairs servants' stairs, and back to the main circular staircase.

Once again on the second floor, and proceeding from the second floor foyer, one comes to the library with its fireplace and private prayer room, complete with Sacred Heart prayer kneeling bench, and original cherry wood, five-shelf bookcases with enclosed cabinets.

Still proceeding from the second floor foyer, one encounters one of the two master bathrooms and dressing room; bedroom, master bedroom; another master bathroom with multi-directional shower and tub arrangement; another guest bedroom; and center sitting room, which is the "centerfold" of the home and one of the truly most pleasant rooms in the home.

Proceeding further from the second floor foyer, one encounters second floor maids' closets, clothes chute, closets, bedrooms, and complete living quarters over the carriage/garage area for the live-in staff; east wing servants' quarters also include two full baths, outside private balcony, private stairway and hallway.

Another stairway leading from the second floor takes one up to the third floor, which was originally a ballroom and now is a spacious gameroom with pool table, table tennis and card tables. Off the gameroom are, again, several bedroom/storage areas, with adjacent full bath facilities.

The gameroom on the third floor extends the full east-west dimension of the house and is surrounded by gable storage. Skylights open through both the second and third floors.

The full basement is not to be ignored, as it contains rooms designated as laundry room, sewing room, cold-storage root cellar with brick floor, wine cellar and the furnace/storage room - all completely restored, painted, and fully used.

Mechanical systems include a vacuum steam system, with individual room controls, chuted kiln-type interior incinerators, laundry chutes, dumb waiters, copper gutters, decorative cast-copper downspouts emptying underground, complete automatic sprinkler system, and a built-in, vintage Frigidaire refrigerator/freezer.

All woodwork within the home is remarkable and the flooring throughout the house is quarter-cut oak flooring, completely restored.

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Landscape features include the reflecting pool (30' x 10') and two lily ponds (10' in diameter).

Landscaping from Jefferson Boulevard north includes tall conifers and maples. Rear garden areas (north of the house) include a circular, 75' diameter garden and lawn, surrounded by cement drive; thence continuing across the drive to raised rock gardens and square hedgerows; thence to a thickly wooded, elevated, forest-like area which, in turn, leads to what was a truck garden, surrounded by wrought-iron fencing. Garden areas are heavily covered with lily of the valley, myrtle and spring flowers.

Forestation includes conifers, maples, crab apples, sassafras, larch, and most importantly and notably, a large Japanese red maple and a multi-variety of flowering shrubs.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1930

Builder/Architect Austin and Shambleau

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The James A. Judie House is an important local example of the Tudor Revival style, significant primarily for its richness of materials and fine attention to detail. The house was designed by Austin and Shambleau, one of South Bend's most prominent architectural firms of the day, for Mr. Judie, a successful real estate investor.

The architectural firm of Austin and Shambleau was formed in 1912, by Ennis R. Austin and N. Roy Shambleau after leaving earlier partnerships with others. After 1915 the firm specialized in Period Revival houses, schools and commercial buildings. They were responsible for several notable buildings in the South Bend area, including the Tower Federal, Tribune, and Indiana and Michigan Electric Company buildings. In the area identified by the local survey as the Jefferson Boulevard historic district, a full 24 residences owe their designs to Austin and Shambleau. The Judie House is one of six in the district rated as "outstanding."

James A. Judie was born on a farm near Mishawaka (adjoining South Bend) in 1865, and graduated from the Notre Dame law school in 1887. Judie operated a law, real estate, and insurance business, concentrating on business properties and expensive residential properties. According to the administrator of the Judie estate and Mr. Judie's personal attorney, he contributed to the development of downtown South Bend by investing in downtown business locations, and bringing other outlying area businesses to the downtown. Mr. Judie was the first developer in the South Bend area to develop the 99-year lease, whereby the developer leases land from the owner, improves the property, and then leases to a tenant. Two of South Bend's largest department clothing stores - Wyman's and Robertson's - are still under 99-year leases to Mr. Judie's estate.

Judie's residence utilizes the finest materials, including oak paneling and woodwork, brass fixtures, stained and leaded glass, copper guttering, ornate plasterwork, and stone and terra cotta detailing. The grounds have been carefully landscaped, with over 60 varieties of trees - some of them rare - a reflecting pool, and lily ponds. The spacious grounds reflect the trend at this time towards larger lots and a natural environment, with homes set apart from the street and neighbors.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Two acres

Quadrangle name South Bend East, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles A. Olmsted, Beatrice M. Olmsted, owners

organization N/A

date 5-1-82

street & number 1515 E. Jefferson Blvd.

telephone 219/234-8813

city or town South Bend

state Indiana

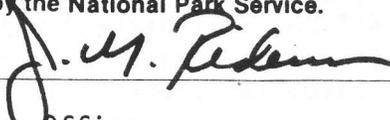
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 2-10-83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Assessment Cards: 1932 and 1979

Deed Record: Book 224, page 433

City Directory: 1930

South Bend Library Clipping File: James A. Judie

Abstract of Title from Abstract, County of St. Joseph, Indiana, Certificate No. 1114,
dated March 16, 1832. Deed Record 96, Page 93. Recorded Sept. 18, 1894, in
letter of patent.

Interviews with Gil Vance, Judie estate administrator; William Voor, Sr., Judie's
personal attorney; Philip Carlton Potts, attorney-at-law.

City of South Bend Summary Report, Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory,
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Lot Numbered Two (2) as shown on the recorded plat of Meredith Addition to the City of South Bend, Indiana, St. Joseph County, Indiana, together with an easement for ingress and egress over a strip of land twelve and five tenths (12.5) feet in width, east and west, along the entire length of the East Side of Lot Numbered Three (3) in said Meredith Addition, in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

**JUDIE-OLMSTED HOUSE
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
UTM REFERENCE:**



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South Bend, Indiana
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